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Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, particularly as regard the role of the United Nations in promoting international economic and social cooperation, including solutions of international economic, social and related problems,

Recognizing the challenges and opportunities of globalization and interdependence,

Recognizing also the serious risks of marginalization and the increased vulnerability of developing countries resulting from a severe erosion in trade preferences arising from trade liberalization,

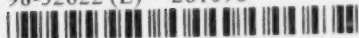
Expressing concern over the marginalization and exclusion of a large number of developing countries from the globalization process, and the increasing vulnerability of those developing countries which are integrating into the world economy, resulting particularly from a severe erosion in trade preferences, through the process of globalization and accentuation of income disparities within and among countries,

Underlining the urgent need for managing the negative impact of globalization and interdependence so as to realize the objectives of poverty eradication and sustained economic growth and sustainable development,

Reiterating that the United Nations occupies a unique position in respect of addressing the challenges of promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence,

Emphasizing that the United Nations has a key role in fostering greater coherence, complementarity and coordination in economic policy-making at the global level,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.



Recalling the outcome of the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, held at Midrand, South Africa, which provides an important framework for promoting partnership for growth and development in the context of globalization and interdependence,

Noting with satisfaction the renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international cooperation for development through partnership, through the convening of the high-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications, held on 17 and 18 September 1998, which could pave the way for further consideration of the issues of minimizing the negative impacts and maximizing the benefits of globalization, particularly for the developing countries,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General¹ on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace, and sustainable development in Africa, wherein he identified, *inter alia*, the obstacles to the full participation of the African economies in the globalization process,

Underlining the need for a comprehensive review of the international financial architecture,

1. *Reaffirms* that the United Nations has a central role to play in promoting international cooperation for development and in providing policy guidance on global development issues, particularly in the context of globalization and interdependence;

2. *Re-emphasizes* the importance of recognizing the special needs of developing countries, particularly the least developed countries and the small island developing States, in the context of trade liberalization and globalization and urges the international community, including the World Trade Organization, to grant a more concessional treatment to developing countries on the grounds of their vulnerability;

3. *Welcomes* the efforts of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the International Trade Centre to help developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and the small island developing States, address their specific problems of marginalization within the globalizing economy, in particular through technology-related assistance in the fields of trade, policy, improvement of trade efficiency, and policies and trade in services, in particular in electronic commerce;

4. *Underlines* the need to ensure the full participation of all the developing countries in the benefits of globalization and also the need to reduce their vulnerability to the impacts of globalization and interdependence;

5. *Emphasizes* that concerted efforts should be made, through enhanced cooperation and coordination among all the relevant institutions, to minimize the negative impacts and maximize the benefits of globalization and interdependence for the developing countries;

6. *Strongly underlines* the importance of market access, increase in official development assistance, conversion of official debts into grants, liberalization of the heavily indebted poor countries initiatives and foreign direct investment flows as the five priority areas that need to be addressed in order to encourage the participation of Africa in the global economy, as recommended in the report of the Secretary-General;¹

7. *Underlines* the need to reform the international financial architecture in order to enhance its abilities to deal with the phenomena of globalization and interdependence;

¹ A/52/871-S/1998/318.

8. *Recognizes* the need, in the various relevant forums, for continued consideration, and close coordination, of the issues arising out of globalization and interdependence;

9. *Recalls* the widely shared desire expressed at the high-level dialogue held on 17 and 18 September 1998, which constituted a renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international cooperation for development through partnership, to continue discussions with a view to developing a coherent and effective response to the opportunities and challenges being offered by globalization and interdependence;

10. *Recognizes* the urgency of evolving a global response to mitigate the negative impacts of globalization and interdependence, taking into account the special vulnerability, concerns and needs of developing countries;

11. *Decides* to hold a two-day high-level resumed fifty-third session of the General Assembly in the first half of 1999, to discuss ways and means to optimize the benefits and minimize the negative consequences of globalization and interdependence, in particular for developing countries;

12. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to hold consultations with Member States regarding the specific date, format and outcome of the high-level resumed session;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare an analytical report, in collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and in consultation with relevant organizations, in particular the World Trade Organization, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the regional commissions, to be submitted to the General Assembly at its high-level resumed session, that should examine the complex, interrelated issues in order to facilitate better understanding of globalization and make recommendations on:

(a) The role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;

(b) Promoting coherence, complementarity and coordination in economic policy-making at the global level;

(c) Ensuring coherent policies at various levels for optimizing the benefits and limiting the negative consequences of globalization and interdependence;

14. *Decides* to include in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session an item entitled "Globalization and interdependence".